

REMARKS

In the non-final Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 24 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over YOKOYAMA et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,303,344) in view of SOMMANI et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,910,733); and allows claims 14-23, 25-31, 33 and 34.

By way of the present amendment, Applicants cancel claims 24 and 32 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 14-23, 25-31, 33, and 34 remain pending.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 14-23, 25-31, 33, and 34 are allowable over the art of record.

Claims 24 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over YOKOYAMA et al. in view of SOMMANI et al. Applicants cancel claims 24 and 32 herein, thereby rendering the rejection of those claims moot.

Since all claims stand allowable, the present application is in condition for immediate allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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